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1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING THOUGHTS ON TACTICS AND OB-
JECTIVES FOR FEBRUARY 11 MEETING OF ENERGY COMMISSION
FROM BOSORTH (CO-CHARIMAN) TO HOST GOVERNMENT COMMISSION
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2. THE FIRST TASK OF THE FEBRUARY 11 ENERGY COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE TO AGREE ON AN AGENDA WHICH WILL GUIDE OUR ON-GOING WORK PROGRAM. I BELIEVE WE SHOULD TRY TO HANDLE THE AGENDA ISSUE AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE AND WITHOUT UNDUE CONTENTION, WHILE ENSURING THE OP-PORTUNITY AT SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS FOR FULL DISCUSSION OF OUR CONCERNS.

3. WE THINK IT PREFERABLE NOT REPEAT NOT TO TRY TO NEGOTIATE AN AGENDA CONTAINING A SINGLE LIST OF SPECIFIC TOPICS BASED EITHER ON THE G-19 LIST OR ON ANY INDUS-TRIALIZED COUNTRY LIST. THIS WOULD LIKELY LEAD TO LENGTHY AND PROBABLY UNPRODUCTIVE HAGGLING. INSTEAD, WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD SEEK AGREEMENT WITHIN THE COMMISSION

ON A NEUTRAL DOCUMENT WITH GENERAL, OBJECTIVELY-WORDED HEADLINES, SIMILAR TO THE AGENDA PREPARED BY THE IEA SECRETARIAT (WORKING PAPER NO. 1, FIRST REVISION). INDIVIDUAL DELEGATIONS OR GROUPS OF DELEGATIONS COULD PLACE RELEVANT SPECIFIC TOPICS THEY WISHED TO DISCUSS UNDER EACH GENERAL HEADING; THESE SPECIFIC TOPICS WOULD BE IDENTIFIED BY THEIR CONTRIBUTORS AND WOULD NOT REQUIRE ENDORSEMENT BY OTHER PARTICIPANTS. WITH THIS APPROACH, THE DEVELOPING COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES COULD INSERT IN THE APPROPRIATE PLACE ALL OF THE ITEMS ON THE NE' G-19 LIST, AND THE US COULD INSERT THOSE ON ITS LIST TABLED IN OCTOBER. WE WOULD ESTABLISH CLEARLY THAT AD-DDTIONAL TOPICS COULD BE INSERTED SUBSEQUENTLY BY ANY DELEGATION AS THE COMMISSION PROCEEDS.

4. WE MUST ALSO GIVE CAREFUL ATTENTION TO THE ORDER IN WHICH VARIOUS SUBJECTS ARE DISCUSSED IN THE COMMISSION. WE MUSTBE SURE THAT OUR CONCERNS ARE TREATED AT LEAST AS PROMINENTLY AND IN THE SAME TIME FRAME AS THOSE OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THIS CAN BEST BE ACHIEVED BYBEGINNING THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION WITH A COMPFEHENSIVE, OBJECTIVE ANALYSIS OF THECURRENT GLOBAL ECONOMIC SITUATION AND HOW IT IS AF-FECTED BY CHANGES IN THEWORLD ENERGY MARKET. WITH CONFIDENTIAL

SUCH AN ANALYSIS, WE CAN EARLY IDENTIFY OUR CONCERNS IN AN OBJECTIVE AND NON-CO'FRONTATIONAL MANNER AS WELL AS POSSIBLE AREAS FOR COOPERATION. SPECIFICALLY, IT WOULD GIVE US AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ENERGY DEMAND, SUPPLY AND PRICE AND ECONOMIC GROWTH AND GLOBAL PROSPERITY AND ENCOURAGE THE NON-OIL LDCS TO ELABORATE ON HOW ENERGY COSTS HAVE DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY IMPACTED ON THEIR DEVELOPMENT

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EFFORTS AND INCREASED THEIR DEBT BURDEN.

5. WE WANT THIS ANALYTICAL EFFORT TO PROCEED THROUGH SEVERAL COMMISSION MEETINGS, BUTWE WOULD NOT INSIST THAT ALL OF ITS ASPECTS BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE COMMISSION COULD TAKE UP OTHER SUBJECTS. WE WOULD WANT TO CONTINUE TO GIVE THE ANALYTICAL WORK A CERTAIN PRIORITY, BUT IT COULD PROCEED IN PARALLELWITH OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE WORK PROGRAM, E.G., DISCUSSION OF SPECIFTC TOPICS AND EXAMINATION OF POSSIBLE AREAS OF COOPERATION.

6. I HAVE SENT TO THE SAUDI CO-CHAIRMAN ON A PERSONAL BASIS A DRAFT AGENDA PASED ON THE IEA DRAFT AS AN ILLUSTRATIONOF THE TYPE OF AGENDA WE SHOULD SEEK TO ESTABLISH.

7. WE SHOULD DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT FULLY AT THE IEA AD HOC MEETING ON FEBRUARY 10. IN THE MEANTIME, I WOULD WELCOME ANY COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE. INGERSOLL

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